performance to attract more passengers and to increase revenue.

अनिवासी भारतीयों की भारत में पूंजी निवेश करने में अरूचि

2390. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री नागमणि:

क्या वित्त मंत्री 16 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 344 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार के कार्यकरण को ध्यान में रखते हुए अनिवासी भारतीयों में भारत में पूंजी निवेश करने में कोई उत्साह नहीं है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार द्वारा विगत तीन वर्षों में निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्य प्राप्त नहीं किए जा सके हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इन कमियों को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) जी नहीं। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1993, 1994 और 1995 के दौरान विभिन्न निवेश योजनाओं के तहत अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा किए गए निवेशों के कारण अन्तर्प्रवाह, जैसे कि नीचे दिए गए हैं, लगातार बढ़ रहे हैं।

संयुक्त राष्ट्र मिलियन डालर

1993	1994	1995
180	370	570

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Amendment to Companies Act

2391. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to amend the Companies Act;

(b) if so, what are the new provisions proposed to be incorporated in the existing Act; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government proposes to introduce a Companies (Amendment) Bill shortly to make a few changes in the Companies Act, 1956. These changes will include the following:--

(i) Debarring companies which default on payment of deposits raised by them in the past or interest thereon, from raising further deposits and making intercorporate loans/investments.

(ii) Allowing the companies to issue non-voting shares in addition to equity shares with voting rights and preference shares.

(iii) Granting of voting rights to mutual funds, venture capital funds and such other funds as approved by Securities Exchange Board of India in respect of shares held by these funds in companies.

(iv) Permitting companies to issue redeemable preference shares upto a maximum period of 20 years.

(v) Allowing companies to file documents on computer format with the Registrars of Companies.

(vi) Allowing companies to alter their Memorandum of Association in respect of their objects without confirmation of the Company Law Board; and

(vii) Removing the ceiling of Rs. 1,000/- in respect of the claim of arrears of wages or salary of any employee in case of winding up of a company.

Expenditure incurred by Ministers/ Personal staff of Ministers

2392. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item regarding cut in expenditure in Government as reported in major newspapers on 18th June; 1996;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred by Ministers and their personal staff on foreign travel, telephone at the office as well as in the residences, domestic travel, staff cars, renovation of rooms during the last three years, month-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a tendency
of the expenditure being increased on these heads over the years; and

(d) if so, whether any directions will be issued to curb the expenditure on these heads?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDABARAM): (a) The Government had issued guidelines on Expenditure Management —fiscal prudence and austerity on 17th June, 1996. It is these guidelines which were reported in certain sections of the Press on 18th June, 1996.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Instructions already exist to curb wasteful spending on the heads of expenditure mentioned in parts (b) & (c) above.

बैंक आफ इंडिया की शाखा में स्टाफ आफिसर का निलम्बन

2393. श्री रामदेव भण्डारी: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आसफ अली रोड, दिल्ली स्थित बैंक आफ इंडिया की शाखा में किसी स्टाफ अधिकारी को हिन्दी भाषा का समर्थन करने के लिए निलंबित किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Maternal and Child Health Services in Gujarat

2394. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether maternal and child health services are available in all the villages and district headquarters of Gujarat;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many villages and districts do not have these services; and

(d) by when, Government propose to make available these services in all the villages and district headquarters in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBQL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Maternal and Child Health Services are provided through sub centres at 5000 population. These sub-centres are responsible for providing all services to mothers and children in each village in the catchment area of one sub-centre.

Loan by IDBI to Essar Group

2395. SHRI KANAK SINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has an exposure of over 30 per cent of its networth in the Essar Group;

(b) whether the IDBI recently extended further loan of Rs. 80 crore to the Essar Group despite the institution alleging the group with unsatisfactory funds management and financial indiscipline;

(c) whether the Rs. 80 crore loan was extended to Essar despite the fact that IDBI had failed to recover a long overdue loan of Rs. 107 crore from the group;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measure taken by Govemment to have the matter fully investigated by the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that it along with other participating institutions had provided the additional loan to finance the over run in the capital cost of project to enable the Essar Group to complete the project in which institutions had stakes. Suitable conditions for